

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gordon R. Hendrick, on January 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lauren Head, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 58, 1/4/2011

00:03:38 Director Richard Opper, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
00:04:31 Chairman Hendrick  
00:04:34 Mr. Opper  
00:16:43 Chairman Hendrick  
00:16:50 Vice Chair Hoven  
00:17:00 Mr. Opper  
00:17:37 Vice Chair Hoven  
00:18:01 Mr. Opper  
00:18:44 Chairman Hendrick  
00:18:49 Rep. Warburton  
00:18:59 Mr. Opper  
00:20:21 Chairman Hendrick  
00:21:33 Mr. Opper  
00:22:33 Chairman Hendrick  
00:22:54 Mary Sexton, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(nah07a01)**

00:39:37 Chairman Hendrick  
00:39:42 Rep. Reinhart  
00:40:02 Mrs. Sexton, DNRC  
00:41:04 Chairman Hendrick  
00:41:07 Rep. Connell  
00:41:25 Mrs. Sexton, DNRC  
00:42:20 Chairman Hendrick  
00:42:32 Mrs. Sexton, DNRC  
00:42:37 Chairman Hendrick

**HEARING ON HB 58**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:03 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 58, Revise Fort Belknap People's Creek account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:26 Chris Tweeten, Chairman Reserve Water Rights Commission

**EXHIBIT(nah07a02)**

**EXHIBIT(nah07a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:59:53 Vice Chair Hoven  
01:00:24 Rep. Belcourt  
01:00:39 Vice Chair Hoven  
01:01:01 Rep. Belcourt

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01:02:34 Rep. Belcourt  
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01:03:42 Rep. Flynn  
01:04:02 Rep. Belcourt  
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01:04:58 Rep. Belcourt  
01:05:36 Chairman Hendrick  
01:05:42 Rep. Williams  
01:05:55 Rep. Belcourt  
01:06:02 Rep. Williams  
01:06:15 Rep. Belcourt  
01:06:47 Rep. Williams  
01:06:56 Rep. Belcourt  
01:07:37 Chairman Hendrick

01:08:28 Vice Chair Hoven  
01:09:20 Chairman Hendrick  
01:09:26 Rep. Williams  
01:09:35 Chairman Hendrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:10:36      Adjournment

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Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah07aad.pdf](#))**